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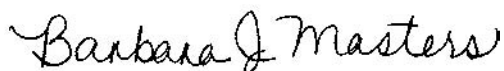
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

The Food Safety and Inspection Service is fully committed to maintaining a strong program to promote employment and advancement opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age (40 and over), gender, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status, parental status, political beliefs, protected genetic information, or reprisal (retaliation) for prior EEO activity.

All employees must abide by the Department's EEO policy and promote it through exemplary conduct and sensitivity for the rights of fellow employees and the public we serve. Managers and supervisors must ensure their employment decisions and actions comply with EEO laws and policies. They are responsible for providing leadership, educating and updating employees on EEO and civil rights issues in the workplace, and ensuring that lines of communication are open at all levels.

Discriminatory actions in the workplace will not be tolerated. EEO laws and Agency policy mandate equal opportunity and prohibit discrimination in all policies, practices, and operations. I know I can count on you to adhere to this policy, assist me in expanding opportunities for all FSIS employees, and ensure that we work in a discrimination-free environment.

For more information on EEO and civil rights, contact the Civil Rights Division at (301) 504-7756 (Voice and TDD), 1-(800)-269-6912 (Toll-free) or link to the Civil Rights Division web page at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OM/CRD/toc.htm>.



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